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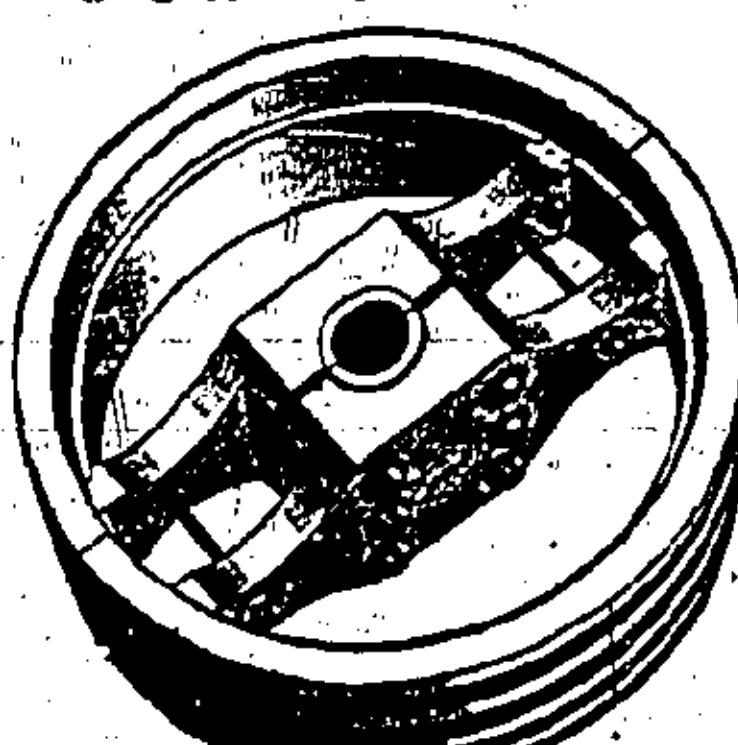


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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, March 12.

THE COAL STRIKE.

The coal strike is bringing great misery
in its train; it is the poorest, the most
innocent that are the greatest sufferers.
We are, indeed, experiencing one of the
blackest weeks that Scottish industry has
known for a generation. Every day brings
a fresh report of additions to the army of
the unemployed. The trade of the country
is being slowly and surely throttled. In
all parts works are being closed; many of
those that are still open are only on half
time. The difficulty in most cases is not
so much that of scarcity of coal as the lack
of railway facilities for getting raw material
forward and despatching manufactured
goods.

To take but one example, from the weekly
statement regarding blast furnaces in Scot-
land, it appears that on Friday only three
were working as compared with eighty-
four in February. Roughly, it is estimated
that over 150,000 workers, exclusive of
miners, are idle in Scotland, and this
number will, of course, be greatly increased
if the strike continues. Just when the
workers' resources are running low, also,
the cost of living is going up with a bound.
In many districts the price of provisions
has risen to a serious height, and further
advances are expected.

Serious rioting has taken place at
Tatnax Colliery, West Calder, where a
few miners had continued at work. A large
force of strikers, stated to be mostly Poles,
marched to the pit, and ordered the men
at work to come to the surface. Con-
siderable damage was done to the colliery,
and the engine-room was burned down.

Several influential Scottish newspapers
are taking up a strong position of protest
against the manner in which the
Northern Trade Unions are dealing with
contracts, in particular to the action of
the Scottish colliers in coming out on
strike in spite of the agreement they
voluntarily entered into, and which does
not expire until the month of July. The
national cry for the repeal of the Trades
Disputes Act is growing in intensity
and will impel us much further
than merely to bring Trade Unions within
the ordinary law of the land. The Act, by
exempting the funds of Trade Unions from
responsibility for the wrongful acts of their
members, and by encouraging violence
under the specious plea of "peaceful
picketing," is responsible for much of our
labour troubles. The most serious question
is how to compel Trade Unions to observe
the agreements into which they enter. It
would be necessary to enact legislation
giving these agreements the force of legal
contracts, and placing upon Trade Union
funds a liability to the full extent of the
damage caused by the breach to the other
parties to the agreement.

THE CENTENARY OF OLD GREYfriars.
The centenary of one of the great
historic churches of Scotland is being cele-
brated. "Old Greyfriars Church," Edin-
burgh. Within its walls was first sub-
scribed the National Covenant, that
epoch-making document which has left an
indelible mark on our life and character;
and in an outfield of its graveyard there
were confined for five months, exposed to
all the rigours of the elements, some
hundreds of prisoners taken after the
battle of Bothwell Bridge.

THE JACOBITE AND THE COAL STRIKE.
An incongruous historical parallel has
been discovered between the Stuart Rebel
Jon and the present coal strike. We read
in the pages of Andrew Lang that "by the
middle of June (1700) James (the Old
Chevalier) is reported by Walton to be full
of hope, and to have heard excellent news.
These expectations were partly founded on
a real scheme of Charles, partly on a stroke
of collusion at Newcastle. A mob-crier
there proclaimed 'P. P. P.' and the
Jacobites in Rome thought His Royal
Highness was leading the attack."

THE OLDEST NATIVE.
Nao mair o' his breed I wass to ken;
I've seen enough wi' ans,
Wi' the blaeit can an' the blae neb-on,
And the trum'le aye on his chin.
It nuds ye cauld on frosty days
To see him stoiter aboot.
Hoggin' the warmth o' his low-hung claes
Like an icicle row'd in a clout.
He wad come to the curlin' when drams
were gawn,
And lauch when his mou' was warm;
And some ane mair o'ter him hame to his
lan,
To keep his auld banes frae harm.
He wad hover aboot the dambred pair,
And loup at a proffered game,
Till the want' aboon he wad learn ane
mair,
And greet till we a' throcht shame.
Nao don't there's few that will live to see.
Sax Kings upon the Throne;
But the Lord in his Mercy ca' for me
Afore I'm as auld as yod!

W. W.

LIBELLING ROMAN CLEMENCY.

In a libel action tried before Lord
Hunter and a jury in the Scottish Court
of Session, the Dundee Courier was
succeeded in £200 damages payable to Bishop
Brown, of the Roman Catholic diocese of
Cloyne, Ireland, and £50 to each of his
curates. The Courier had published an
article in which the Bishop and his clergy
were charged with abusing their religious
influence to procure the dismissal of all the
Protestant shop assistants in the employ-
ment of Roman Catholics in Queenstown
and with ruining a Roman Catholic
shopkeeper who had refused to discharge a
Protestant employee.

PORTRAITS OF MARY STUART.

There are a vast number of alleged por-
traits of Mary, Queen of Scots; but special-
ists and authorities have weeded out the
forgeries, and we have now a small,
authentic collection. From the likenesses,
Mr. Cleland Colville has collated some
interesting details as to the Queen's
personal appearance. He told the
members of the Glasgow Private Lord-
ship Club that her eyes were reddish
brown, not large, but with a sharp
and penetrating expression. Her cheek-
bones were high and the outline of the
lower part of the cheek full and the chin
well developed, but not cloven or dimpled.
The lips were always closely compressed;
the eyebrows were raised and arched, but
not strongly defined, and the forehead
lofty and capacious. Her hair was of a
yellowish auburn hue with dark shades in it.
In later life, like most ladies of the period,
she wore false hair or perukes. She was
somewhat above the normal height for a
woman, with a graceful and elegant but
well-developed figure. Her general ap-
pearance was that of a strong, clever,
masterful woman rather than a beautiful
and delicate heroine of romance.

THIS WEEK'S STORY.

The Glasgow Herald is responsible
for the following story. During the recent
(Continued on page 8.)

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WEDNESDAY, April 10th,

FLORODORA

THURSDAY, April 11th,

THE KING'S BRIDE

FRIDAY, April 12th,

THE GIRL IN THE TRAIN.

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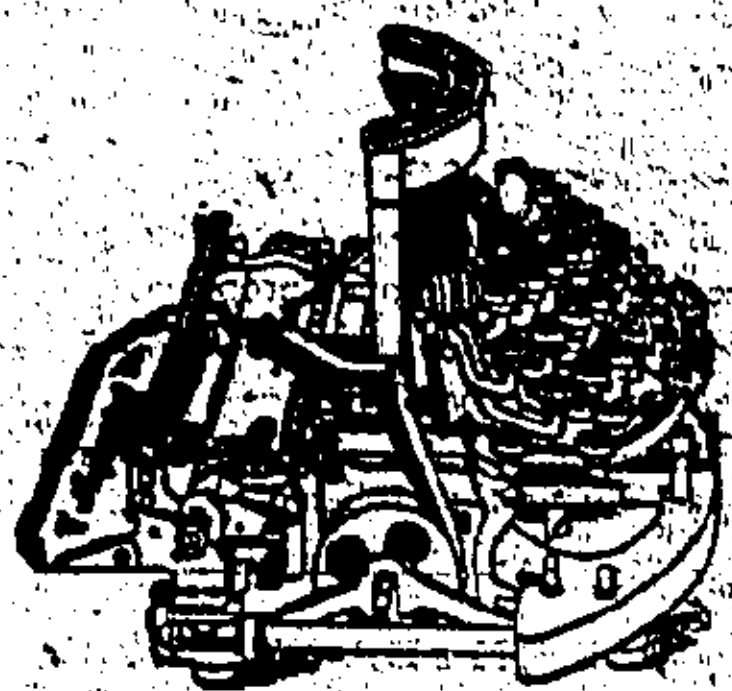
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FIGHT AGAINST THE FAMINE.

The Central China Famine Relief Committee is taking every precaution to conserve the health of the foreigners engaged in the actual work of distributing relief, and of the Chinese to whom relief is given. Physicians will closely watch the health of the foreigners, and see to the sanitation of refugee camps, and the physical welfare of those who are being helped.

Experience has proved that those engaged in famine relief are exposed to greater dangers than ordinary to health and life. These dangers are caused by fatigue and exposure without the usual home comforts, but especially by the large numbers of people suffering with fever, with whom one is constantly brought in contact. Recent research makes it seem probable that the two commonest fevers, relapsing and typhus, which occur in the famine stricken population, are carried from man to man by means of lice. It was formerly thought that typhus was exceedingly infectious and readily carried by effluvia from the persons of patients. While this has not yet been disproved, experience in recent epidemics tends to show that much importance should be attached to avoiding the acquiring of vermin from infected persons.

Those in charge of famine camps use every effort to avoid the herding of members of people together. Huts are built small and not too close together. If possible, not more than two or three persons live in one hut, and the same persons always occupy the same huts.

Those falling ill are removed to separate huts reserved for this purpose, and if they have fever the huts they occupied are vacated and the straw in them burned. Their clothes must not be used by others.

Those in charge of relief must carefully avoid having their clothes or bedding come in contact with those of Chinese. This needs constant vigilance, as coolies carrying baggage think nothing of throwing their clothes on top of those belonging to their employers.

There is another disease, and a very fatal one, always common in N. Kiangsu and Anhwei, carried it is believed by bed bugs. It is therefore wise for each person engaged in relief to have his own portable cot and to pay some attention to keeping it clean of these pests. The eggs on the Grand Canal are badly infected with bed bugs and so are most native inns and houses.

In choosing a place of residence it is wise to remember that many temples have been occupied by refugees, and avoid them. As much as possible, going indiscriminately into native houses, especially where, as illness, is to be avoided.

Most men engaged in famine relief for any length of time find it advisable to have a servant who can cook foreign food. They live under considerable strain at the best and need to avoid the danger of a digestion handicapped by unaccustomed food.

MANY STARVING.

The following telegram has just been received by the Central China Famine Relief Committee:—
"Taichang, March 27.
"Famine is so bad here that 20,000 people are dying of starvation and disease. Many have been killed by wild beasts. The famine is so bad that the people are eating their own children."

REVIEW.

Barter, by GERTIE DE S. WENTWORTH JAMES. London, Bell's Colonial Library.

This is a novel which halts between two opinions. First we have introduced to us a young girl, unsophisticated, but fairly well educated, who through stress of misfortune is selling sweetmeats in a railway kiosk at fifteen shillings a week. She is a person who does not think very deeply and is content to let life slip by without bothering very much, content to take things as they happen and be thankful for small mercies. She has two friends who perceive that her philosophy of life is likely to lead her to disaster. The first warns her that that men despise the women who come to them too cheaply, in other words that the relations of the sexes is based, when stripped bare, on nothing more than barter. Agnes, at first disinclined to accept this theory, adopts it after a trying experience with a German clerk, who had decided that she was a girl easily to be "got at." Losing her situation at the kiosk she becomes an assistant to a clairvoyant in the Strand and here a Mr. Koyne meets her. He is a solicitor and falls suddenly in love with the beautiful Agnes. Taking her stand on the advice of his friend, she freely barter herself in return for marriage, and a settled income of £300 a year. Koyne at first is rapturously in love with Agnes and she conscientiously endeavours to play up to him. But within a year he has cooled off so greatly that he confesses to her that domestic life is very boring. Fortunately a stroke of heart-disease carries him off and Agnes is faced with the task of finding a solution for another of life's enigmas. She lays her case before her other friend and asks why her married life turned out such a confessed failure. Whereupon Lydia replies to her rather cryptically, "No man ever runs after a bus when it is caught." Agnes ponders over the saying and resolves to adjust her future accordingly. Then Mr. Koyne's Andorville, a barrister, drifts into the current of her life and before long Agnes finds herself endeavouring to follow Lydia's line of philosophy. For a long time she resists Andorville's advances, but finally resolves to accept his love in a purely platonic fashion, lest she should lose it as she had her first husband's. Andorville pretends to fall in with her novel theories, but at other influences to work to undermine Agnes' philosophy, and in the end victory is his, for casting all theories to the wind the erst-while Mrs. Koyne becomes his wife without further and without fear of probable eventualities. The story is well told, though the character of the German clerk is stained with the acid of bitter contempt.

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Butcher Meat.

Best Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mid Lung Pk.	1b.	24
Roast—Ham Ngau Yuk	20	
Roast—Shin	20	
Breast—Nga Lam	15	
Soup—Tong Yuk	15	
Steak—Nga Yuk Pa	20	
Sirloin Coton—Nga Lam	24	
Sausages—Nga Ching	24	
Dulock's Brains—Knew	par set	45
Longue fresh—Nga Li	with	45
corned—Ham Ngau L.	40	
Head—Nga Yuk	14	
Heart—Nga Sun	13	
Hump, Salt—Nga Kin	18	
Feet—Nga Kark	each	8
Kidneys—Nga Yin	9	
Tail—Nga Mei	18	
Liver—Nga Kin	12	
Tripe (undressed)—Nga To	8	
Calves Head & Feet—Nga Chai-tau-kark	set	81
Mutton Chop—Young Poi Kwat	1b.	23
Leg—Young Poi	22	
Shoulder—Young Shau	20	
Chittlings—Chu Chong	22	
Brains—Chu Kow	pur set	24
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Pork Chop—Chu Poi Kwat	20	
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	24	
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Fat or Lard—Chu Yan	15	
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young'an Kark	set	60
Heart—Young Sun	each	6
Kidneys—Young Yin	9	
Liver—Young Chai	1b.	24
Sucking Pig, To Order—Chu Chai	22	
Suet, Beef—Sang Nga Yuk	20	
Mutton—Sang Young Yuk	22	
Vent—Nga Chai Yuk	20	
Sausages—Nga Chai Ching	20	

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	5	32
Capon, Large, Small—Sin Kai	32	
Ducks—Ap	27	
Doves—Pan Kau	each	—
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz	24
Fowls, Canton—Kai	1b.	25
Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	32	
Geese—Nga	23	
Geese, Wild—Shang-ho Yea Ngai pair	—	
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	each	—
Hare, Shanghai—Ti Chai	—	
Partridge—Che Khoo	70	
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair	\$1.70
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kip	each	40
Hothow—Hoi How Pak Kip	35	
Quail—Um-Chum	23	
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk	dozen	—
Saichey—Sa Chey	each	28
Turkeys, Cook—Phur Kai King	1b.	65
Hen	Na	60
Wild Ducks, S'hai—Shang-hoi Sui Ap	—	
Leal—Sui Ap Chai	75	
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang-Shing Sui Ap	\$1.20	

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	1b.	9
Bream—Bin Yu	15	
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Fin Yu	15	
Carp—Li Yu	20	
Catfish—Chik Yu	18	
Codfish—Man Yu	18	
Crab—Hal	20	
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	15	
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	16	
Dace—Wong Mei Lan	11	
Dog Fish—Tui Tai Se	8	
Eels, Congor—Hoi Mann	15	
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Habitat—Cheung Kwai Kap	23	
Yellow—Wong Pa Yu	16	
Loach—Wu Yu	25	
Lobster—Lung Ha	16	
Mackerel—Chi Yu	24	
Monkfish—Mong Yu	26	
Mullet—Chai Yu	15	
Oyster—Sung Hui	20	
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	16	
Pomfret—Pak Kip Yu	15	
Snakehead—Sung Hui	20	
Sole—Sung Hui	20	
Squid—Sung Hui	20	
Sturgeon—Sung Hui	20	
Tilapia—Sung Hui	20	
Trout—Sung Hui	20	
Wahoo—Sung Hui	20	
Whiting—Sung Hui	20	

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Beef—Kai Yu	1b.	24
Butter—Kai Yu	1b.	24
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Vegetables &c.

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Chicory	1b.	8
Bonns, (French), Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tan	1b.	15
(French), Shanghai—Shung Hoi Pin Tan	1b.	15
Sprouts—Ah Cho	9	
Long—Tau Koo	9	
Best Root—Hung Choi Tan	each	2
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yau	6	
Red—Hung Ker	6	
Cabbage, Chinese, com—Kai Choy	12	
Cabbage Red—Hung Yea Choy	12	
Cabbage, Shanghai—Yeh Choi	12	
Cauli Shoots, bunch—Kai Shun	1b.	15
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Cho Fa	each	15
Medium size—Cheung Yeh Cho Fa	10	
Small size—Sai Yen Choi Fa	8	
Carrots—Kam Shun	1b.	6
Celery, Chinese—Tung Kan Choi	6	
English—Young	6	
Chillies Dried—Gon Lat Chiu	20	
Green—Hung Far	12	
Red—Ching Lat Chiu	10	
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Lee Chai Liu	6	
Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	2	
Bitter Squash—Yu Kwa	—	
Gartlin—Qiu Tan	6	
Ginger, young—Sui To Kwai	5	
old—Lo Kwang	—	
Horse Radish, S'hai, Lik Koo	12	
Indian Corn—Sek Mai	each	—
Lettuce—Young Sang Chai	1	
Water Cress—Ma Tai	1b.	5
Mandarin—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	6	
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sung Cho Koo	22	
Musk Melon, Amer—Kam-an Hong Kwa	each	—
Okra	5	
Onions, Bombay—Young Chong Tai	10	
Green—Sung Chong	6	
Shanghai—Shung-hoi Chong Tai	8	
Papaw, 1st qual—Tai Man San Kuo	each	—
2nd	Chung	—
Parley—Kun Cho	6	
Green Peas—Ching Tai	8	
Potatoes, Sweet—Yea Shu	—	
Shanghai—Shung-hoi Chai Tai	—	
Japan—Tai Poon Chai Tai	—	
Asparagus—Yea Koo	—	
Yam—Yea Koo	—	
Pumpkin—Tung Kwa	—	
Radish—Hing To Pak Tai	—	
Kidney Beans—Tai Tung	—	
Soy—Lo Koo	—	
Shallots—Yea Chong Tai	—	
Sprouts—Yea Chong Tai	—	
Tomatoes—Yea Koo	—	
Taro—Yea Koo	—	
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THE FUTURE OF CHINA.

philosophy behind the movement is a wonderful spectacle which China now presents to the world. But that it spells disaster and inevitable and hopeless ruin we cannot bring ourselves to believe. Mr. Bland contends that Young China is incapable of performing the work to which it has set its hand, though he admits that given time a government might be chosen which could work out the salvation of the Chinese people.

Time is the very essence of the present contract to which YUAN SHUN-KAI, WU TING-FANG, TANG SHAO-TI and LI YUNG-HUNG have set their hands. A big constitutional upheaval such as we have just witnessed in China cannot be expected to float the ship of state into the safe waters of tranquillity all at once. History will repeat itself in China as elsewhere. At present the civil power is undoubtedly afraid of the soldiery, and despite the drastic measures meted out to some of the recent rioters and looters we expect much time must still elapse before we shall hear the last of these sporadic outbreaks in the various big garrison towns. But we imagine that the hand of the law will gradually strengthen and that the present stage of indeterminacy, which is causing so much criticism, not to say anxiety, in many quarters, will be succeeded by an era of firm government. True the composition of the first republican cabinet does not inspire very strong confidence. There does not seem to be any really preeminent men in it. The reason given is that many of China's leading statesmen have declined to become associated with the present government. Like ACHILLES they prefer to sulk within their tents until a suitable opportunity presents for their emergence. That opportunity will undoubtedly come, for the present is merely a time of transition. One fact, however, is very firmly established. Whatever course China may pursue in the future, she has done with the Manchu dynasty. Their account has been audited, and having been found wanting they are wiped off the slate, with no earthly possibility of reinstatement. That the future of China will be that of the Kilkenny cats, as prophesied by Mr. Bland, we do not believe: though that there must be, ere she settles down again to an ordered regime, a certain amount of trouble between North and South, province and province, clan and clan, we freely admit. For after all China has not changed her national characteristics even if she has changed her constitutional coat.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.
5 p.m.—Rugby Cup Tie—Army v. Club.
9.15 p.m.—"The Chocolate Soldier" by Bandmann Opera Co. at Theatre Royal.

General Memoranda.
FRIDAY, April 5.—
Good Friday. Public Holiday.
10.30 a.m.—H.K. Vol. Reserves' Rifle Meeting at King's Park Range.
9.15 p.m.—Performance of "The Messiah" at St. John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY, April 6.—
Bank Holiday.
2.30 p.m.—K.O.Y.L.L. Race Meeting at Happy Valley.

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Easter Day.
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

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Bank Holiday.

TUESDAY, April 9.—
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Lands at P.W.D.

WEDNESDAY, April 10.—
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6 p.m.—Entire close for V.R.C. Sports.

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THE CHINA MAIL

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To one so well versed in Chinese history as Mr. Bland, the spectacle of China, after the events of the last few years, appearing to be on the verge of a new era of peace and order, is a sight which he can only regard as a miracle.

NEWS OF THE DAY.
To-day's weather report says "cooler later." Most of our readers will be glad to hear this.

Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's auction advertised in last night's paper for Friday has been postponed to Saturday at the same time.

Sir Jacob Sassoon, of Bombay, has offered Rs. 3,00,000 towards a building in memory of the Royal visit to India, proposed to be erected on the Apollo Bander.

This morning L. S. Wills arrested four Chinese who stowed away on the s.s. Aldenham, another last trip to Australia and were discovered eight days out from Hongkong and brought back.

A member of the church choir for over forty years, with six sons and two grandsons also in the same choir, is the record of Mr. F. P. Prowse, of Abbotskerswell, near Newton Abbot, to whom the vicar, churchwardens, and congregation made a presentation.

In explaining an increase in the Alligator Rewards s.c. \$22.89 the Resident of Saigon (Siam) quaintly reports: "400 feet of crocodiles were sent for, against 431 feet in 1910. These crocodiles are a pest to the natives, causing them to leave their homes."

The East Asiatic Company of Copenhagen has after writing of \$50,000 for "despatch" of a steamer to the Far East, a line of 500,000, reserves having been raised of \$20,000, \$40,000, and \$30,000, respectively.

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THE BUDGET

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND THE SURPLUS

PROSPECTS OF REDUCING NAVAL EXPENDITURE SLIGHT

Despite Strike Trade Looks Bright

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
LONDON, April 3.
Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his Budget yesterday in the House of Commons.

THE SURPLUS

He said the surplus amounted to £4,545,000, which was the largest on record. The property of trade during 1911-12 exceeded most sanguine expectations. The principal taxes had done well, despite the strike, except sugar, owing to the drought, while the tea-duty had only yielded £141,000. This was below the estimate, though it exceeded the estimate of the preceding year. This falling off was due firstly to many tea estates being converted into rubber plantations, secondly to the strike which caused a loss in revenue up to the 31st of March.

PROSPERITY GENERALLY SHARED

All classes shared in the prosperity of the country. The Chancellor of the Exchequer then reviewed the working of the 1909 budget. None of the taxes imposed by that budget could justly be described as revolutionary. The necessities of life were not taxed. Trade had improved and unemployment diminished. Before the strike the numbers of unemployed had reached the lowest point ever touched.

HOW THE SURPLUS CAME ABOUT

Regarding the surplus, it was due to under-spending, and the nature thereof must be considered. Under-spending by the Admiralty, amounting to 1½ millions, could only be in the nature of a postponement. This not being a saving, two other contingencies must be considered, namely, the effect of the strike and the possibility mentioned by Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, as to larger sums being required by the Navy if the shipbuilding programme of other Powers were accelerated or increased. Nobody deplored more than himself the enormous waste of money on armaments, but so much depended on the absolute inviolability of our shores that if we erred in this respect we erred on the safe side. So long as I am satisfied, as I am at the present, that Mr. Churchill's demands will only secure the minimum margin necessary for safety, my duty is to find the necessary finance. It would be premature to say what, or how much, the very serious contingency to which Mr. Churchill referred, may mean. It may mean all, or double. What is to be done is to provide the necessary reserve therefore.

DISPOSING OF THE SURPLUS

It is proposed to presently devote the whole of the surplus to strengthening the Exchequer balance, and if at the end of the year it has been unnecessary to draw thereon, Parliament would be asked to judge the situation and devote the reserve wholly or partly to the reduction of the National Debt.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

It is estimated that the expenditure for 1912-13 will be £186,885,000, an increase of £4,600,000. This was a decrease of £450,000 in the cost of the administration of the African Protectorates. The increased expenditure was due to the Insurance Act and the purchase of telephones.

COST OF THE STRIKE

It is estimated that the cost of the strike will prove a total loss to the revenue of £1,500,000, which is a loss of £1,500,000 plus, making a total loss of £1,500,000.

TRADE PROSPECTS

Trade conditions throughout the world were exceptionally healthy. The sugar and cotton trade were particularly strong. The cotton trade was particularly strong. The cotton trade was particularly strong.

BY TELEGRAPH

OPPOSITION CRITICISM

Mr. Auston Chamberlain, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he failed to see any justification for reserving the surplus to meet naval contingencies. Six millions were altogether beyond anything that would be required this year on the basis laid down by Mr. Churchill, thus diverting the money from the sinking fund. The Government seemed utterly regardless of the credit of the country. The effects would be most deplorable. He begged the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reconsider the proposal, which he for one would most certainly resist.

TEA DUTY FIXED

The Budget resolution fixing the tea-duty at five pence per lb. was adopted by the House.

NO FRESH TAXATION

Mr. Lloyd George has introduced his Budget, which provides for no fresh taxation. The tea and sugar duties remain unchanged.

EGYPTIAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION

A BUSH WITH THE ANAKS

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 3.

A message from Reuter's Cairo agent states that a small punitive expedition under the command of Major Leeson has engaged a large force of Annak raiders in the thick bush near Odongo. The Annaks fled, having sustained heavy losses, and abandoned their villages after their positions had been destroyed. Captains Lichtenberg and Kinahan, three Egyptian officers, and 43 Sudanese soldiers were killed, while an Egyptian officer, and 12 men were wounded.

CHINESE NEWS

TRouble in TIENTSIN

(*Wah Tse Yat Po's Service*)
SHANGHAI, April 2.

Chinese officials and business men in Tientsin are objecting to foreign troops patrolling in the native city, and a strong protest against the new attitude has been made by the various Consuls. FIGHTING AT CHUICHOW. A conflict has broken out between the Cantonese and Kiangsu troops at Chuichow, and it is feared that the results will be serious.

MUTINY

The troops at Hangchow have mutinied, and have burned down many houses including the Governor's residence.

THE BELGIAN LOAN

Out of the funds of the Belgian loan, received a few days ago, 1½ millions have been remitted to Hupel Province and one million to Nanking.

DISPOSING OF ASPIRANTS

Sun Yat-sen proposes that a sum of \$200,000 be set apart for the education abroad of those who have assisted in the Revolution.

MEETING ENDS IN SHOOTING

In view of the fact that Yuse Shihai, appointed Hui Shao-shing as General Staff Officer instead of Yang Hui-shan, the meeting of the Hui Shao-shing and Yang Hui-shan ended in shooting.

BY TELEGRAPH

ANOTHER P. AND O. MISHAP

THE SYRIA IN COLLISION

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's steamer Syria, bound for Yokohama, has arrived a day overdue. She collided with the French steamer Circe near Algiers in a thick fog. The Syria's starboard bow is damaged. She has 94 passengers on board. The damaged vessel will remain at Malta in order that the necessary repairs may be carried out.

THE COAL BALLOTS

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

It is estimated that 30,000 colliers were working yesterday. The progress of the ballot, however, is not so satisfactory as was anticipated. Upsetting preconceived ideas, South Wales, which up till now has been regarded as the storm centre, had returned the largest majority in favour of resumption, while the North of England, especially Lancashire and Yorkshire, where the men were considered reasonable, shows a majority of four to one against resumption. Many men, however, are not voting. The figures at midnight were:—

For resumption 90,496
Against resumption 94,543

In Durham, Northumberland and Cumberland there were hostile majorities, but the Midland Federation area is largely in favour of an early return to work.

In Scotland there have been hostile meetings of the men, often disorderly, attacking their leaders.

The Times states that the hope of a general resumption after Easter must be abandoned. The strike will probably break down piecemeal, but a considerable period must elapse before the industry is in full going order.

RELIEVING THE SUFFERING ROYAL GIFTS

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 3.

King George has sent to Mr. John Burns one thousand guineas to be used in the relief of sufferers by the strike. Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra have each given a thousand pounds. Mr. Burns has undertaken the distribution of the money.

THE POISONING CASE

SEDDON'S UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

The appeal of Frederick Henry Seddon against sentence of death for the murder of Miss Barry with arsenic from Guy papers has been dismissed.

AVIATOR'S ACHIEVEMENT

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

The aviator Hime flew from London to Cape Girardeau and from there to Paris with a lady passenger.

PRINCE OF WALES IN PARIS

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

The Prince of Wales and his family arrived in Paris yesterday.

BY TELEGRAPH

MRS. PARKHURST

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 3.

The remains of Mrs. Parkhurst's sentence has been remitted to enable her to prepare a defence in the conspiracy trial.

EDWARD TERRY DEAD

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 3.

The death is announced of Mr. Edward Terry, author of Terry's Theatre and previously a distinguished actor, at the age of 63 years.

SCOTTISH CHURCH UNION

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 3.

Proposals for the basis of the union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church are at present being considered by the committees of both Churches.

AGAINST COMPULSORY SERVICE

AUSTRALIAN SOCIALIST PINKED

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

A Melbourne telegram states that a Socialist has been fined £100, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment with hard labour, for preventing his son serving under the Defence Act.

DARING JEWEL ROBBERY

AN AUDACIOUS SCHEME

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

During the week-end a gang has robbed a jeweller's shop in Regent Street of jewels to the value of £10,000. They used a restaurant some distance off as a base and apparently worked in relay, tunnelling and placing three two-foot walls and forcing the safe, returning at intervals to the restaurant for refreshment and rest. They left dynamite, testifying to the use of electric drills.

ITALIAN BLOCKADE

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)
London, April 2.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that the Italians have given notice of a blockade from the 1st April of the ports of Libya and Cyrenaica, and important international pilgrim stations. They have cut the cable between Cyrenaica and the mainland and captured and taken to Misratah the small British steamer Woolcock.

THE SCOTT EXPEDITION

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Scott's expedition to the North Pole has been successful. The expedition has returned to the base.

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